

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 376  
By Hagood

A RESOLUTION to honor Miss Julie Hicks on being named a Distinguished Finalist for the 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in its deliberations and salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders for whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Miss Julie Hicks, an esteemed resident of Knoxville and a Senior at South-Doyle High School, has recently been named as a Distinguished Finalist in the search for the State's top student volunteers in the eighth annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a national program recognizing young people for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, for her exemplary volunteer service, Julie was awarded an engraved bronze Distinguished Finalist medallion at a local ceremony, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Award honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Miss Hicks earned this award by giving generously of her time, talents, and energy to found "Operation Teddy", a project that collects teddy bears to provide comfort to children during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Julie Hicks epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Miss Julie Hicks who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Miss Julie Hicks on being named a Distinguished Finalist for a 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognizing her outstanding record of volunteerism, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.